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TO : Deputy Director (Administration)

DATE: 26 October 1951

FROM : Chief, Administrative Services

SUBJECT: CIA Printing Program

1. It appears that the general effect of the attached memorandum from Mr. James L. Harrison to Senator Carl Hayden, Subject: The CIA Printing Program, is an attempt to reopen the question of whether CIA should have its own printing plant. This question has already been previously determined jointly by the Bureau of the Budget's Joint Committee on Printing and the Director of CIA.

2. The accusation of idle equipment is only partially correct in that we have not been able to obtain photo engravers for the making of line cuts needed in connection with the NIS program. However, these line cuts are now being made in the [REDACTED] shop). It is also true that there have been personnel other than CIA personnel in the plant due to the fact that the electrical contractor was not able to completely finish his job prior to moving the Reproduction plant from its former locations into this plant. However, this condition will always be true for the purpose of having a variety of work done, including the servicing of machinery which our personnel are not always capable of doing. Also, it is a common practice in connection with equipment recently purchased that the contractor always installs and performs operating tests with the equipment, although this has not been done with classified material prior to its acceptance by the Government. However, such individuals are closely watched and controlled as to their activity.

3. The loss of personnel complained of has reference to two individuals, a one [REDACTED] and a one [REDACTED]. During the past several months approximately 15 to 20 employees of the plant in the basement of South Building have contacted either Mr. [REDACTED] or Mr. [REDACTED] seeking employment with CIA in its new reproduction and printing plant. These individuals have consistently been told that employment with CIA could not be discussed with them unless and until a written release was obtained from the agency by which they were at that time employed. There has been no violation of the existing CIA regulation in this connection. In the case of [REDACTED], no discussions were held with them in regard to employment with CIA until their releases were obtained. However, it was known that CIA has been looking for certain qualified

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personnel through contacts with the local unions, which contacts have been made by the Personnel Procurement people of CIA. A recommendation is made in the memorandum that CIA be forced to comply with regulations of the Joint Committee on Printing. Attention is called to the fact that Congress has given CIA the exemption from the regulations of the Joint Committee on Printing in Public Law 110 with regard to purchase and operation of printing equipment. It seems, therefore, that this question has already been determined.

4. There is no desire on the part of personnel of Administrative Services to undermine the effectiveness of the GPO-Department of State Service Office particularly in view of the fact that they are still doing the printing job of the NIS program which, after all, is the major printing requirement of the Agency.

5. From the statements made in the memorandum it appears that the memorandum was written by Mr. Robert Lefebvre, Chief, GPO State Service Office, and apparently was written for the purpose of preventing any wholesale transfer of personnel from his activity to CIA. This is not the objective of Administrative Services and I would recommend that the DD/A establish a policy, which Administrative Services will follow, that CIA will not hire employees from the GPO State Service Office, with or without releases. I believe that this step will take care of the purpose for which the memorandum was written.

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